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An alumnus of Mercersburg Academy, Caldwell was graduated from Princeton 21 years ago, after he had established himself as one of the University's athletic greats. While hitting the books to earn a Memorial Scholarship, he made a hobby of collecting major sports letters. He was the 180-pound sophomore blocking back on the undefeated 1922 eleven, the immortal "team of destiny", and baseball manuals still make much of his pitching duels with Owen Carroll, then of Holy Cross and later of American League fame.

He was outstanding enough on the diamond to spend a summer with the New York Yankees, played two winters with the Montclair Athletic Club's championship basketball fives and served his coaching apprenticeship at Princeton under the one and only Bill Roper. Williams beckoned, selecting Caldwell from a field of 50 applicants, and for the next 17 years the Purple rode on high, as Caldwell welded an overall winning average of .588 in tutoring 15 teams in football, 11 in basketball and 14 in baseball.

When war blacked out football on the Williams campus, Caldwell obtained a leave of absence and drilled the Yale line. November of 1944 brought the announcement that Caldwell would be Tad Wieman's successor here, that an alumnus would be at the Princeton helm during the difficult reconstruction period in football. This summer the War Department emphasized Caldwell's position in the coaching fraternity, singling him out as one of three "name coaches" to tour American-occupied Germany.

For exemplifying the belief that participation in intercollegiate athletics should be an integral part of college education; for his exceptional qualities as a sportsman and a leader of men; for his calm, sensible approach to the problems that have transformed football from a sport into a nationwide circus; he is TOWN TOPICS' candidate for

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### Topics of the Town

**Fall Preview.** Barring the sudden, unexpected news story which can strike any community without notice, the week before Labor Day can always be counted as Princeton's quietest. Even this year, with the University in session until the final weekend in August and more people spending the Summer here than at any time before the war, the town drowsed peacefully as of old.

It had been a delightful Summer. For one thing, the weather had been cooler, the humidity lower than at any time within easy memory. Days when the air was without motion, when leaves hung limp, when tar on the streets ran into little pools, when lethargy was king, were non-existent in this first post-war Summer.

Then, too, there had been no sharp, shocking community tragedies as in some years gone by. The casualty lists of 1942 to 1945 were inactive, and there were no drownings, no automobile accidents and (with fingers crossed) no polio cases.

Princetonians who had stayed at home battled with seemingly undiminishing shortages, and with visibly rising prices. But for the most part, July and August were without incident, and it was pleasant to know that the turbulence and the growing pains which have been so apparent in recent years could be stilled by Summer slumber—even if only for a time.

Looking ahead to the early Fall of 1946 gave insight into pleasant municipal doings, as well as into other developments which must be cause for concern to all who cherish Princeton as a residential community. The pace gave promise of greatly increased tempo before much more than a fortnight had passed.

On the one hand stood dates for the reopening of the many educational institutions which are so indisputably and pleasantly the *raison d'être* for the entire community. With the Fall, too, would come the first full-scale inter-collegiate football season in five years and the accompanying pleasures of crisp October Saturday afternoons.

The calendar likewise included November 5, an Election Day which is to be preceded by weeks of campaigning that should arouse unusually widespread interest. With the Democrats the victors in the Borough last Fall for the first time in a decade, the Republicans find the burden of proof resting on their shoulders and must swing the ever-elusive independent vote back to their camp if they are to remain the

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The Mathey brothers, Dean and MacDonald, national interscholastic doubles kingpins, are in the headlines again. This week they are on Long Island, tuning up for a series of international matches, after having been selected for the 1946 National Junior Davis Cup tennis squad. Dean and MacDonald were given the ninth and tenth places on the all-star 12-man roster that included four Californians, three New Jerseyites, three Floridians, and a representative from both Texas and New York.

**Success Story.** Exactly 18 months ago Jersey Joe Walcott, 31-year old Merchantville heavyweight, now rated as number two challenger for champion Joe Louis' world crown, earned \$100 for kayoing unknown Jackie Saunders. A fortnight ago, in dropping Tommy Gomez, former pride of the 31st Infantry Division, in Madison Square Garden, the once penniless Walcott collected \$12,000 for his three-round effort. Over the course of 14 fights, including routine "tank stops" in Camden, Paterson and Baltimore, Walcott's earning power has increased no less than 1,200 per cent!

Speaking of boxing, Mike Jacobs has launched his traditional pre-fight fanfare, this time about Tami Mauriello,

trying to induce New Yorkers to pay near-exorbitant prices for a glimpse of the Louis-Mauriello brawl on September 18th. Mauriello has come up with a new variety of ring tactics, something no opponent has yet attempted to toss in the Brown Bomber's face, for Tami, in his own words and with Jacobs in his training camp, maintains: "Louis ain't used to being roughed. I figure maybe a little roughing 'll do some good."

**Flags for Fixtures.** In the vicinity of Franklin Field, Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania's home arena, there is a large manufacturer and wholesaler of plumbing equipment, whose aggressive advertising department is deeply conscious of the Quakers' home football games, particularly the Pennsylvania-Princeton contest on November 2nd.

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majority party in Princeton politics.

These and other aspects of community life promise for Princetonians the zest and delight in living that can come only from residence in a small American town, be it Eastern educational, mid-Western farm, Southern agricultural, or West Coast industrial. Two problems remained to dim the pleasant future.

The housing situation was the first and most pressing. Material shortages and strikes throughout the nation could no more leave Princeton untouched than can a blizzard fail to blanket the entire countryside at which it hurls itself. With every educational institution that boards students looking to its peak enrollment next month, September looms as the most critical period yet to come. Whether October and November would be more so could not now be foretold.

But buried in the classified columns of Princeton papers can be found pleas for homes that are no longer amusing in their urgency. The shortage is acute, has been for months, but with the influx of September students and faculty members, the town may well have to turn to temporary solutions as yet undreamed of.

Battling hard, and equipped with able minds and a knowledge of the dire need for success, will be the newly-formed housing committee. With all interests represented and with harmony seemingly assured, there is promise of success if it lies within the power of any committee to achieve it.

It may be that, on a short range basis, success is beyond reach; if so, disappointment and hardships for many, disruption of daily lives for many more could not be averted. But in any light,  
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 10:00 a.m.: Princeton United Meeting, Society of Friends, School of Public and International Affairs Building, University Campus.  
 11:00 a.m.: Sermon, the Rev. Edwin F. Moseley, Priest-in-Charge during Summer Months, Trinity Episcopal Church.  
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 Sermon, the Rev. George Taylor, First Methodist Church, Millville, Methodist Church.  
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 12:00 a.m.: House-to-House Collection of Salvage Paper, sponsored by Princeton Post No. 76, American Legion.  
 8:15 p.m.: Evening Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

### Monday, September 2nd

Labor Day

### Tuesday, September 3rd

- Tuesday Through Saturday, September 7th, Registration for Leisure-time activities with Princeton Group Arts, 202 Nassau Street.  
 9:00 a.m.: Offices of Veterans' Welfare Committee (Princeton Development Council) open in basement of Borough Hall.  
 3:00 p.m.: Opening of pre-college practice for Princeton University's 1946 football squad, University Field.

### Wednesday, September 4th

- 9:00-12:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.: Registration for new students in Borough Public Schools at offices of schools new registrants will attend.  
 8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

### Thursday, September 5th

- 8:00 p.m.: Veterans' Registration for Night School, Room 203, Princeton High School.  
 8:00 p.m.: Meeting, Princeton Township Board of Education, Township School.

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## News of the Theatres

### The Playhouse

The Stranger (Friday, Saturday) presents the ubiquitous Orson Wells in an exciting mystery drama which boasts action, suspense and competent acting. Loretta Young and Edward G. Robinson are cast with Mr. Welles in a New England setting. The plot delves into the machinations of a murderous Nazi who is willing to concede defeat in World War II, but seeks with dire cunning to lay the groundwork for victory in another universal conflict.

The Strange Love of Martha Ivers (Sunday through Wednesday) is a powerful story about a ruthless woman who has one murder to her name and a second in her heart. A tense, sometimes harrowing chain of events, based on passion and vengeance, constitutes the plot. Tough, able Barbara Stanwyck is featured, with Van Heflin and a good cast opposite her. The film is too long (three minutes short of two hours) but it is almost always entertaining.

Two Guys from Milwaukee (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) offers relief from heavier drama in the form of good comedy, dished up by Dennis Morgan and Jack Carson, with Joan Leslie on hand for dessert. The story of a Balkan prince who evades a big reception planned for him because he wants to mix with the madding throng is not new but it is refreshingly told. His adventures are numerous and generally amusing.

### The Garden

Suspense (Friday, Saturday). Belita, skating star who apparently has fallen heir to Sonja Henie's role, is filmed in an average mystery picture. She is wooed by two men who keep the plot moving with their attempts to double-cross each other, but the story stands up only fairly well.

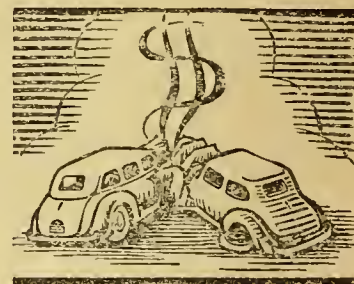
Canyon Passage (All Week) brings still another Western to Princetonians, who have grown to love this type of film so heartily in the past two or three years. The picturesque Oregon country furnishes the locale for the gorgeous Technicolored scenery, the setting for a pioneer drama that includes romance, music, feuds and Indian massacres. Hoagy Carmichael's ballads are a distinct asset. The cast is headed by Dana Andrews, Brian Donlevy and Susan Hayward.

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it was Princeton's toughest nut to crack in years.

Question two was of less immediate concern to most Princetonians, but rankled within the minds of a few score who have known the community since their youth and studied its ever-present problems. In a nutshell, it might be phrased: how shall the town of Princeton guide its future growth?

Wide variance as to the answer was expressed last Spring and early in the Summer by opposite sides on the question of a joint planning board for the Borough and Township. Feeling ran relatively high, a condition underscored by the scorn, ridicule and anger which accompanied some of the statements at public meetings.

Yet, through all the comment on the question (which will be debated back and forth again next month as the date for the hearing on October 7 nears) was one unhappy factor: both sides declared that failure to follow their reasoning would surely result in bad planning, higher taxes, municipal wrangling and a community with distinctly unsatisfactory physical aspects in another ten or 15 years.

Both could not, obviously, be right. Hope that the answer lay somewhere between their predictions seemed like the grossest sort of wishful thinking. If it did not, Princeton's future as one of the nation's most delightful residential communities was precariously perched. It could not afford to retain such a delicate balance for more than a few short years.

ments to the kitchen staff during the week ended the temporary emergency.

Last Minute Notes. Marketers, Inc., finding price controls back in most instances, has become inactive, will remain alert to rise to any future crisis.

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**Dots and Dashes.** Current gossip in Ivy Group circles has it that Yale has admitted so many GI's including a phalanx of football players, that both high school and preparatory school students find scholastic and athletic careers beneath the elms of New Haven, denied to them. Wherefore secondary schools feel a certain sense of chagrin and a sense of having been ungratefully dealt with, especially Andover, whose sons for six long decades have helped to make Yale football what it is in terms of prestige and prowess . . . Tiny Rhode Island State, home of sensational basketball teams, is being boomed as one of the coming football factories of the eastern seaboard. In substantiation of the rumored boom, dopesters point to the transfer of West Coast athletes from institutions in their own backyards to the Rhode Island campus . . . Charley Ruffing is reported to be seeking a managerial job in the Pacific Coast League.

**Sporting Thespians.** The Hollywood influence in both organized baseball and football is on the upswing. When Bing Crosby recently bought into the Pittsburgh Pirates, he became the second cinema star directly interested in major league baseball, as Bob Hope is a part owner of the Cleveland Indians. Joe E. Brown has a large slice of the Hollywood Pacific Coast League Club. In professional football, Don Ameche is part owner of the Los Angeles Dons, while Kate Smith is involved financially in the Boston Yankees.

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